



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Thirtieth in Ordinary Time

Year B / Week 2

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

And the blind man said to Jesus, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go on your way; your faith has saved you." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

This Gospel account reveals something important about how God communicates with us. The blind man was determined to get the attention of Jesus and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus show us that his first response is compassion and a desire to restore us to our original dignity.

The Lord Jesus commends the blind man, Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. May we, this coming week, recognize our need for God's healing grace and decide to seek out Jesus, like Bartimaeus, with persistent faith and trust in his goodness and mercy.

Quote from the early church fathers: Your Word will enlighten and save me, by Clement of Alexandria, 150-215 A.D.

"The commandment of the Lord shines clearly, enlightening the eyes. Receive Christ, receive power to see, receive your light, that you may plainly recognize both God and man. More delightful than gold and precious stones, more desirable than honey and the honeycomb is the Word that has enlightened us (Psalm 19:10). How could he not be desirable, who illumined minds buried in darkness, and endowed with clear vision 'the light-bearing eyes' of the soul? ... Sing his praises, then, Lord, and make known to me your Father, who is God. Your Word will save me, your song instruct me. I have gone astray in my search for God; but now that you light my path, Lord, I find God through you, and receive the Father from you, I become co-heir with you, since you were not ashamed to own me as your brother. Let us, then, shake off forgetfulness of truth, shake off the mist of ignorance and darkness that dims our eyes, and contemplate the true God, after first raising this song of praise to him: 'All hail, O light!' For upon us buried in darkness, imprisoned in the shadow of death, a heavenly light has shone, a light of a clarity surpassing the sun's, and of a sweetness exceeding any this earthly life can offer." *(excerpt from Exhortation to the Greeks Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright (c) 2015 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager Fr John*

PARISH NOTICES

Holy Hour next Sunday (1st) at 5.15pm in Church. All welcome.

Sick & Retired Priests' Collection takes places next weekend. I ask you to be generous with this important second collection. It provides funds to ensure no infirm or elderly priest is alone, or suffers, in his senior years. The Fund helps pay unforeseen or extra expenses for the housing, health care, convalescence, or simple needs of priests who cannot care for

themselves. A donation envelope is attached to your bulletin. Please take it home and bring it back next week at Mass with your donation. On behalf of all the clergy of the Diocese, thank you. Fr John.

The Friendship Club: this Wednesday (28th) at 2.00pm in the JP Room. Watching a film 'Quartet' a charming, beautifully acted comedy about redefining old age and growing old with hope, demonstrating how art illuminates life and the human spirit. *(approx 94*

THIS WEEK

Sunday 25 October 2015

- 18.30* Mass Terry Merrigan +
- 08.00 Mass Amelia & Katie Simons (int)
- 09.30 Mass Parish & People
- 11.15 Mass Joan Murphy +
- 12.30 Baptism: Maximillian Watson
- 16.30 Year 9 Confirmation - PH
- 17.45 Evening Prayer
- 18.30 Mass Betty McNamara (int)

Monday 26

Sts Chad and Cedd

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass John Watson ann +
- 11.00 Meditation - P (all welcome)
- 13.00 Mass @ Chase Farm Hospital
- 20.00 RCIA - JP Room

Tuesday 27

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Sophie Marie Bywaters ann +

Wednesday 28

Sts Simon and Jude

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Michael Gilbert ann +
(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)
- 13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital
- 17.15 Novena: Mother of Perp' Help (BSC)
- 18-19.00 Adoration - C

Thursday 29

Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Mary French +
- 12.00 Parish Office Closed
- 13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital

Friday 30

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass James Murphy + (followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)
- 19-20.00 Adoration - C

Saturday 31

- 10.00 Mass Irene & Mario Dalla-Piana +
- 18.00 Sac of Reconciliation
- 18.30* Mass Parish & People

Sunday 01 All Saints

Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund

- 08.00 Mass Walter & Kathryn Vassallo +
- 09.30 Mass Stanley Family +
- 11.15 Mass
- 17.15 Holy Hour
- 18.30 Mass Jacques Quesnel +

Please note the parish office
is closed this week

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mins) followed by tea and biscuits. All welcome!

FSSA Zambia Jumble Sale

Saturday 31 October in the parish hall, from 10.30am. All welcome! Please bring any jumble you have to the hall Friday evening from 7.00pm-9.00pm. Thank you.

St Catherine's School for parents of children who are due to start Reception in Sept 2016. Tour of school is on Wed 11 Nov at 9am. To register, please contact the school.

Nursery & Primary School Priest Signing dates will be published in the bulletin in due course - please regularly check the bulletin. *The school deadline for Primary is Jan '16 & for Nursery Mar '16.* Please note the school does not look at any applications until after the deadline.

Dinner Dance in aid of Fumbisi Sunshine Home (*small orphanage in Ghana, West Africa*). on Saturday 14 November, 7.00pm in the parish hall. Tickets are £18, inc wine on the table & 3 course dinner, complete with a 7 piece band. Please contact Sue 07739092782 or Tony 07772281349 for tickets (*due to numbers, entrance is by ticket only*). Please also bring your own drink.

Eucharistic Adoration is on **Wednesdays** at 10.30-11.30am in church and 6.00-7.00pm in the chapel, on **Fridays** at 10.30-11.30am and 7.00-8.00pm in church and on **Sundays** at 5.45pm (*1st Sun of the month 5.15pm*) in church. All welcome.

Blessing of Graves: Bell's Hill Cemetery is on Sunday 15th November, at 2.00pm.

New Barnet Parish: Trent Park Cemetery Sun 8 November at 2.00pm and New Southgate Sun 22 November, 2.00pm.

The flower ladies desperately need a volunteer to help with the flowers in the church: no experience necessary, just a few lessons is all it

takes and a love for flowers! If you would like to help, please contact Janet or Fr John at the parish office. Thank you.

Holy Souls for November: starting next week, please write the names of your loved ones who have died in the book in the porch. This book will be brought to the altar at the 'Holy Souls' Masses. Your offerings can be placed in the box next to the book - this will be emptied daily.

Mass of Hope takes place on Sunday 15th November at the 11.15 Mass. All are welcome.

Chase Farm Hospital Mass Mondays at 1.00pm in the chapel and at **Barnet General Hospital Mass** Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1.00pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

Parish Tea Dance: Saturday 7th November in the parish hall. 2.30pm-4.30pm (doors open 2pm). Admission £3. All welcome! *Donations of raffle prizes and cakes gratefully received.*

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New Barnet Justice & Peace Group invite you to pray and fast for the Climate. Sunday 1 November, 4-5pm at the Friends (Quakers) Meeting House, Leicester Road, EN5 5EL. All welcome! See www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk

Fr Laurence Freeman, OSB **Talk** at Vita Pax, Cockfosters on Wednesday 4 November, at 7pm (gathering at 6pm). All welcome.

Family Tree Mass celebrated by Fr Angelus on Wednesday 25th November at 8.00pm (*starting with praise and worship at 7.40pm*). Followed by the blessing of salt, water, oil and any religious articles at St Matthew's Church, 32 Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1DW All welcome. For further information, contact Pat 07918 128248 or Jenny 07966 529703.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick & Homebound: Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Don & Ann Lewis, Liz Clarke, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Thomas Geiger, Linda Quilter, Margaret Trehy, Emanuele Brunelli, Michael Mulvaney, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Michael Ball, Helen Day, Niamh Easton, Jeanne Ellis, Stephen Carey, Stasia Ryan, Bishop John Crowley, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, James Brown, Nancy Dillon, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Kate Waters, Donna Morrison, Linda Atkinson, Dominic Buckmire, Judith Townsend, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Michael Wildsmith, Shelley Rowan, Alex Mayer, Troy Hopkins, Arthur Spikes, Segun Balogun, Tommy Watkins, Annabel Nnochiri, Elio Marcangelo, Fr Fred De L'Orme, Diana Faller, Pat Cosgrove, Stuart Atkinson, Evelyn McManamon, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Bernard Lydon, John-Joe Murphy, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Therese Barratt, Siobhan Hickey, Mariela Mansi, Jean Watkins, India Briers, Michael Finnegan, Teresa Woodhouse, Mary Wallace, Eleanor Baker, Martina Rooney, Concetta O'Connell, Alan King, Gillian Campbell, Suzanne Butler.

Sacrament of Baptism: Oliver Ractliffe, Logan Browne, Lochlann Brooks, Connie Bourke, Fiona Obe, Elsie Kent.

Recently Departed: Bridget Toomey

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

09.30 Mass

Entrance 883

Offertory: 792

Communion: Open our eyes to see, open our ears to hear, open our lives to live your calling. Open us, Lord, to love.

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Going Forth: 864

11.15 Mass

Entrance 851

Prayer R/: Listen to our prayer

Offertory: 892

Communion: Open our eyes to see, open our ears to hear, open our lives to live your calling. Open us, Lord, to love.

Going Forth: 825

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